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COUNTRY: Austria (Soviet Zone)

SUBJECT: 1. Soviet Troops in Allentsteig and Goepfritz
2. Soviet Troops in Melk and St. Poelten

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vacated by Soviet troops on 25 October 1951.

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several units had left the troop training grounds some days ago. The bulletin at the Goepfritz train dispatch office indicated that only 12 flatcars and 8 boxcars were available at the station. Two guarded railroad tank cars were on a spur track at the station. No imprints of caterpillar tracks were observed at the railway station and at the loading ramp. during the winter months small units would also be rotated to the Doellersheim (O 49/R 53) troop training grounds for training courses. Truck driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, picked up mail at the station. The truck was occupied by 8 officers and 3 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia and 7 officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Military personnel were rarely observed in the streets of Allentsteig. Soldiers observed wore black-bordered red epaulets, including only a few who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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trucks driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

2. The rear section of the former Pionier Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68) quartered Soviet troops on 24 October. The other sections housed civilians. About 16 AT guns with muzzle brakes were in the barracks yard. No details could be obtained since the artillery pieces were obscured by 35 to 40 motor vehicles. Two field kitchens and various billeting equipment were also seen. Billeting equipment, fire wood, logs, potatoes, etc. were unloaded from 20 railroad cars at the station. The material was hauled to the former Pionier Kaserne on trucks that the unit had arrived at the post during the last 24 hours.

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a unit had recently arrived. On 24 October, Camp Spratzern was

occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, signal and motor transport insignia. A few other soldiers wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Weapons and equipment for the newly-arrived units had apparently preceded the arrival of the units. The doors of the tank garages were closed. Billeting equipment and other winter supply items were unloaded from about 40 railroad cars at the Spratzern railroad station.

Comment. The information that 16 AT guns were at the barracks installation in Melk confirms another report according to which the 233d Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div was carried there. ~~(S)~~ MOI-158100-~~0000~~. In July 1949, it was reported that engineer troops were quartered at the Melk installation and also that the 177th Engr Bn of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div was stationed there.

Comment. The information from the two railroad stations at the Doellersheim troop training grounds on the departure of troops, and the report of the unloading of billeting equipment in Melk and St. Poelten are in agreement. Therefore, it can be definitely concluded that the summer training courses in Austria were completed during the second half of October 1951 as, with some exceptions, was the case with the Soviet troops in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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